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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MCN AND PARA 1 TEXT)

FOLLOWIN TELEGRAM SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFOBOMBAY AND  
CALCUTTA AND IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, EGEN, IN

SUBJECT: THINS LOOK FUP FOR ASAMERA

REF MADRAS 0890

1. AFTER THREE DAYS OF TRYING TO CLEAR THE DEBRIS FROM THE  
ORIGINAL HOLE WHICH HAD COLLAPED AT ABOUT 400 FEET, ASAMERA  
DECIDED THAT FURTHER DELAY, WITH EXPENSES RUNNING AT \$22,000  
PER DAY, WAS NOT WORTH IT. ON MAY 26, THE DECISION WAS MADE  
TO TRY AGAIN AT A NEW LOCATION, 65 FEET SOUTH-SOUTH-WEST OF THE  
FIRST HOLE. THE WEATHER HAS IMPROVED A GREAT DEAL AND BY THE  
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MORNING OF MAY 29, DRILLING HAD REACHED 320 FEET WITH A 30-  
INCH STEEL AND CONCRETE CASING INSTALLED IN THE FIRST SECTION  
DOWN TO 240 FEET.

2. ASAMERA IS NOW USING DRILLING MUD AS COOLANT AND THE  
FEELING IS THAT THE SANDY STRATA, WHICH CAUSED TROUBLE IN THE  
ORIGINAL HOLE, CAN BE DRILLED WITH NO PROBLEM. SEA

WATER WAS USED IN THE FIRST HOLE RATHER THAN DRILLING MUD WHICH COULD NOT BE TAKEN ABOARD GLOMAR III FROM THE SUPPLY BARGE BECAUSE OF THE BAD WEATHER. THE ASAMERA REP ESTIMATES THAT THE NEXT FEW THOUSAND FEET CAN BE DRILLED AT ABOUT 300 FEET PER DAY. THE PLAN IS TO INSTALL A 20-INCH CASING FROM 240 FEET DOWN TO 1,100 FEET.

3. THE CREW PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL HAVE BEEN FAIRLY WELL RESOLVED, WITH THE WEEDING OUT OF DRILLERS WHO CAN'T OR WON'T TAKE THE HARD AND UNPLEASANT WORK. ASAMERA HAD CONSIDERED A 14-DAY ON AND 7-DAY OFF WORK SCHEDULE, IN LIEU OF THE 28-DAY ON AND 28-DAY OFF SCHEDULE, FOR THE INDIAN MEMBERS OF THE DRILLING CREWS, BUT DECIDED AGAINST THIS TO REDUCE THE PROBLEM OF TRANSFERRING CREWS ON AND OFF THE SHIP AND TO SIMPLIFY ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE DRILLING CREWS. NON-INDIAN CREW MEMBERS INSIST ON THE 28-DAY SCHEDULE SO THEY CAN RETURN HOME ON THEIR 28 DAYS OFF.

4. A GEOLOGIST FROM ASAMERA OIL (INDONESIA) LTD., WHO IS HERE FOR TWO WEEKS, TOLD US THAT HE IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THIS SITE. HE OBSERVED THAT THE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS IN EXPLORATORY DRILLING ARE USUALLY NO BETTER THAN 10 PERCENT, BUT HE WOULD RATE THE PROBABILITY FOR SUCCESS AT THIS LOCATION AT 75 PERCENT OR BETTER. HE EXPLAINED THAT ONLY 30,000 TO 40,000 BARRELS PER DAY WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MAKE THE LOCATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMICALLY VIABLE BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY SHALLOW WATER AND SHORT DISTANCE TO REFINERIES WHERE THE OIL WILL BE USED.  
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